

α -N-ACETYL GALACTOSAMINIDASE
FROM CLOSTRIDIUM PERFRINGENS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An isolated and purified α -N-acetyl-D-galactosaminidase from *Clostridium perfringens* and homologs thereof are disclosed. A method for purifying and isolating the α -N-acetylgalactosaminidase from *Clostridium perfringens* by removing neuramidases is disclosed. A process for using the α -N-acetylgalactosaminidase from *Clostridium perfringens* in altering type A blood cells to type O blood cells is disclosed. A process for altering cells expressing blood group A epitope by using α -N-acetylgalactosaminidase isolated from *Clostridium perfringens* in altering the cells expressing blood group A epitope to cells expressing blood group O epitope is disclosed.